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OOKAMI TO HITSUJI
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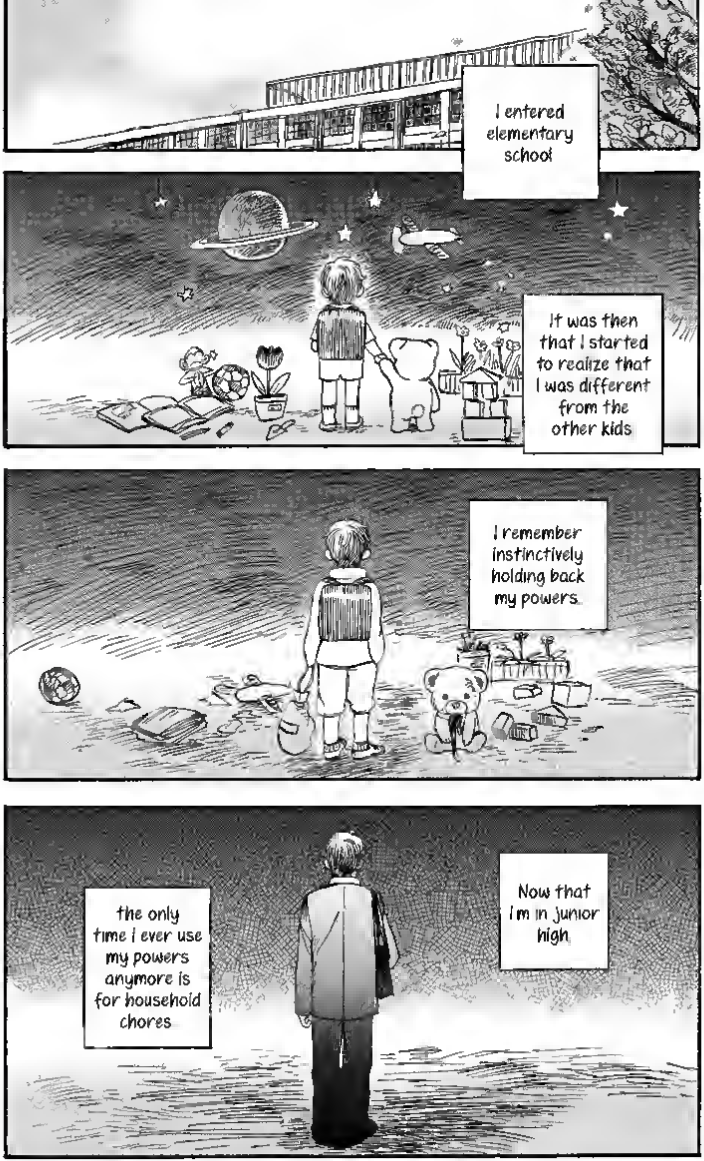
When I was a kid, I never thought it was strange
I always had him with me
Plop
Plop
Plop

TOYS
ARRGH!! THE LAUNDRY !!
KOUTA, CLEAN UP YOUR
HUH? THE LAUNDRY
NAH. HE CAN'T EVEN REACH IT
I GUESS I DID IT WHILE I WAS HALF ASLEEP THAT HAS TO BE IT
he he
he he
Soon after that,
?
WHAT'S THIS? DID KOUTA...?


I entered elementary school
It was then that I started to realize that I was different from the other kids
I remember instinctively holding back my powers
Now that I'm in junior high
the only time I ever use my powers anymore is for household chores

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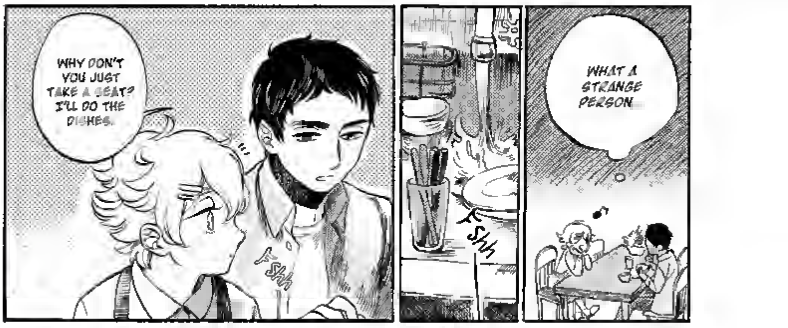
UMM ..
I'M SORRY, BUT WHO ARE YOU?
HUH? KOUTA-KUN, DIDN'T YURIKO I MEAN, DIDN'T YOUR MOM TELL YOU?
I'M SERA JUN I WORK WITH HER AT THE SUPERMARKET
My mom called me earlier today.
YOUR MOM ASKED ME TO DO HER A FAVOR!
You're hungry, aren't you?
rustle

I WON'T BE HOME FOR A FEW DAYS, BUT DON'T WORRY, I ASKED A FRIEND TO LOOK AFTER YOU WHILE I'M AWAY.
DAMN IT, SHE WENT AND ASKED SOMEONE—
Does she think I'm still a kid?
She said dad, who works out of town, caught a bad cold and is sick in bed.
IT'S BECAUSE HE'S SUCH A SLOB! I'LL GO OVER AND TAKE CARE OF HIM.
OKAY.
TENSION
HERE YOU GO, EAT UP!
I'LL BE DONE SOON!
IT—IT'S GOOD.
Chomp

MY MOM'S A TERRIBLE COOK...EVEN WITH THE SAME INGREDIENTS, SHE COULDN'T MAKE SOMETHING LIKE THIS
DO YOU HAVE ANY TIPS? OR A RECIPE?
YOU'RE A REALLY GOOD COOK
Eke he
AWW, STOP IT! YOU WON'T GET SECONDS NO MATTER HOW MUCH YOU TRY AND FLATTER ME~~♡
.....
smile smile
YOU HAVE TO SWEET TALK THE FOOD SOME GIVE IT SOME MOTIVATION
TIPS? IT'S EASY
SWEET TALK THE FOOD?
POOF
POOF
Gulp

.....
Munch
I CAN ONLY IMAGINE IT AS SOMETHING WEIRD
It's going to be a lot more fun if it's this w
Hey hey, please turn out super delicious, okay? How about you try out a new life?
You're gonna love it!
Nice luck charm!
Miss, all scum!
Well then
Pokki


WHY DON'T YOU JUST TAKE A SEAT? I'LL DO THE DISHES.
F-shh
F-shh
WHAT A STRANGE PERSON

Hmph!
IT'S JUST THE NORMAL THING TO DO
WHAT A PROACTIVE MIDDLE-SCHOOLER!
I'LL BE SURE TO TELL YOUR MOM!
Dun.
AND ANYWAY, THERE WAS NO NEED FOR MY MOM TO ARRANGE ALL THIS I COULD HAVE JUST GOTTEN SOMETHING DELIVERED
OH!

Hmmm...
stare
IT'S TRUE, I SWEAR! I EVEN WANTED MORE!
SMILE
No, no... I just didn't expect it, that's all!
it's fine, Koura-kun. I prefer knowing the truth...
I see... I'm not needed...
Slump
THE FOOD REALLY WAS GOOD!

SHE'S SO EASY TO READ. ALL YOU HAVE TO DO IS LOOK AT HER...
whew
okay
HEHEHE! WELL THEN, LEAVE IT TO ME NEXT TIME!

GO, GO, HONEY PONTER
click
OH!
TA—DAH!
PIP
PIP

BACK IN THE DAY I WANTED TO BE A WIZARD LIKE HIM...
BAM
shing
AMAZING AS ALWAYS~
wipe
CAUSE THEY'RE SO EXCITING
FLYING THROUGH THE AIR ON THEIR BROOMS
MEETING STRANGE CREATURES USING MAGIC TO FIGHT EVIL... ALL THAT EXCITEMENT!
ISN'T IT THRILLING TO IMAGINE THAT A PLACE LIKE THIS EXISTS SOMEWHERE IN THIS WORLD?
PIPP
.....
Magic...

OH,
YOU'RE ONE OF THOSE REALIST TYPES?
BUT IT COULDN'T BE REAL
GET AWAY FROM ME

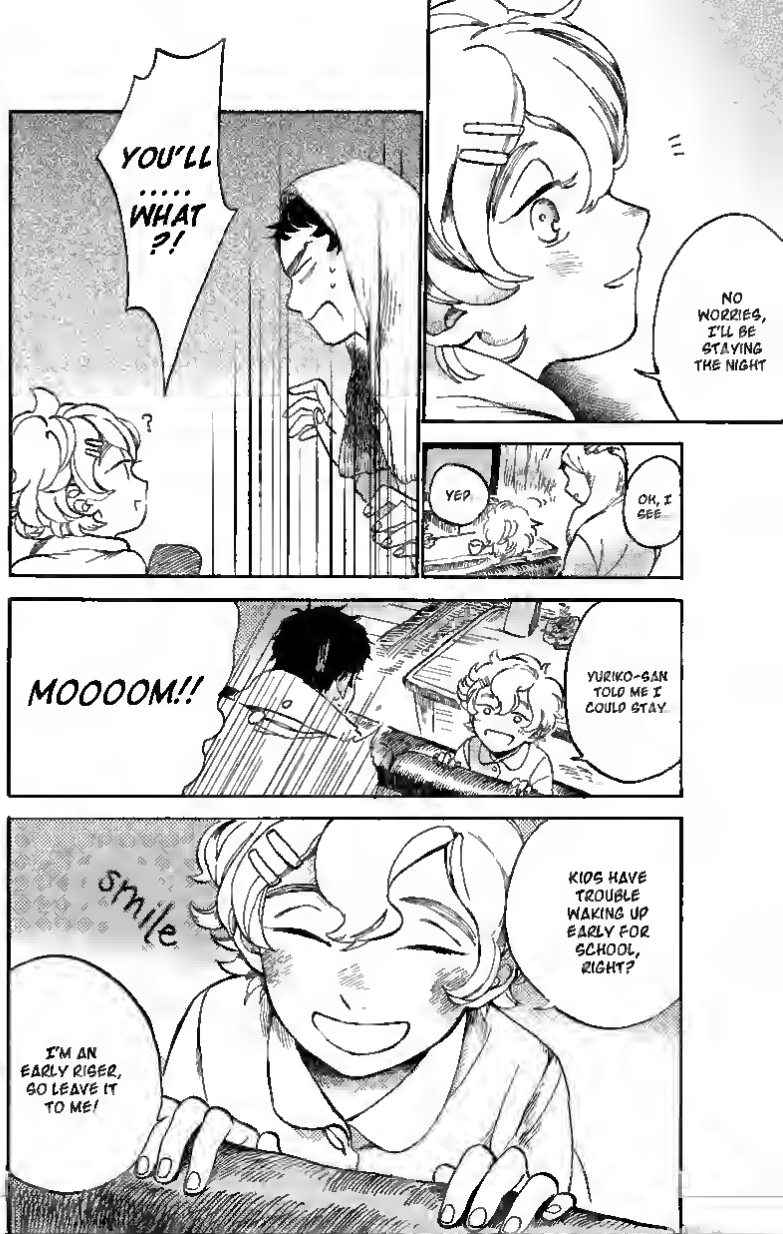
IT'S IMPOSSIBLE
MAYBE THERE ARE PEOPLE LIKE THAT LIVING IN SOME COUNTRY SOMEWHERE...
BUT YOU CAN'T REALLY KNOW FOR SURE, RIGHT? THE WORLD IS HUGE

THEY'RE PROBABLY CRAZY.
IF SOMEONE CLAIMS TO HAVE MAGIC,

KOUTA-KUN?
WHO
I'M GOING TO TAKE A BATH

NO MATTER HOW MUCH TIME GOES BY,
Glup Glup Glup
Sigh
I STILL CAN'T GET OVER IT
GLUP GLUP GLUP GLUP GLUP

WHY DID I EVEN CHANGE SCHOOLS IF IT'S STILL GOING TO BE LIKE THIS...?
I can walk you home, if you want
WILL YOU BE OKAY GETTING HOME?
HM?
SHE'S STILL WATCHING TV
puff puff


YOU'LL ..... WHAT ?!
?
NO WORRIES, I'LL BE STAYING THE NIGHT
YEP.
OH, I SEE
MOOOOM!!
YURIKO-SAN TOLD ME I COULD STAY.
smile
KIDS HAVE TROUBLE WAKING UP EARLY FOR SCHOOL, RIGHT?
I'M AN EARLY RISER, SO LEAVE IT TO ME!

So this is how it is...
.....
I did, but still
AND YOU DID SAY YOU WANTED TO EAT MY COOKING AGAIN!
CLACK
SHE LOOKS LIKE SHE'S IN ELEMENTARY SCHOOL.
HM...
Thanks! Good night!
UH... SHOULD SHE BE SO AT EASE AROUND A STRANGER...?
WELL, IT'S EASIER THIS WAY...
I... You can use this room.
Zzz
Zzz
cock a doodle doo!

MNN...
Drift
SMELLS...
GOOD..
click
lean
OH, YOU'RE ALREADY AWAKE
GYAAAHHHH!!!
I WANTED TO WAKE YOU GENTLY...
UM, CAN YOU KNOCK BEFORE COMING IN...?
EH?
HEHEHE, I'LL BE BACK HERE AFTER WORK, OKAY?
nyunch
THIS OMELET IS GOOD
OKAY

SEE YOU, KOUTA-KUUUUUUUN!
wave wave
Ugh, stop it...
blush
— My mornings are pretty early.
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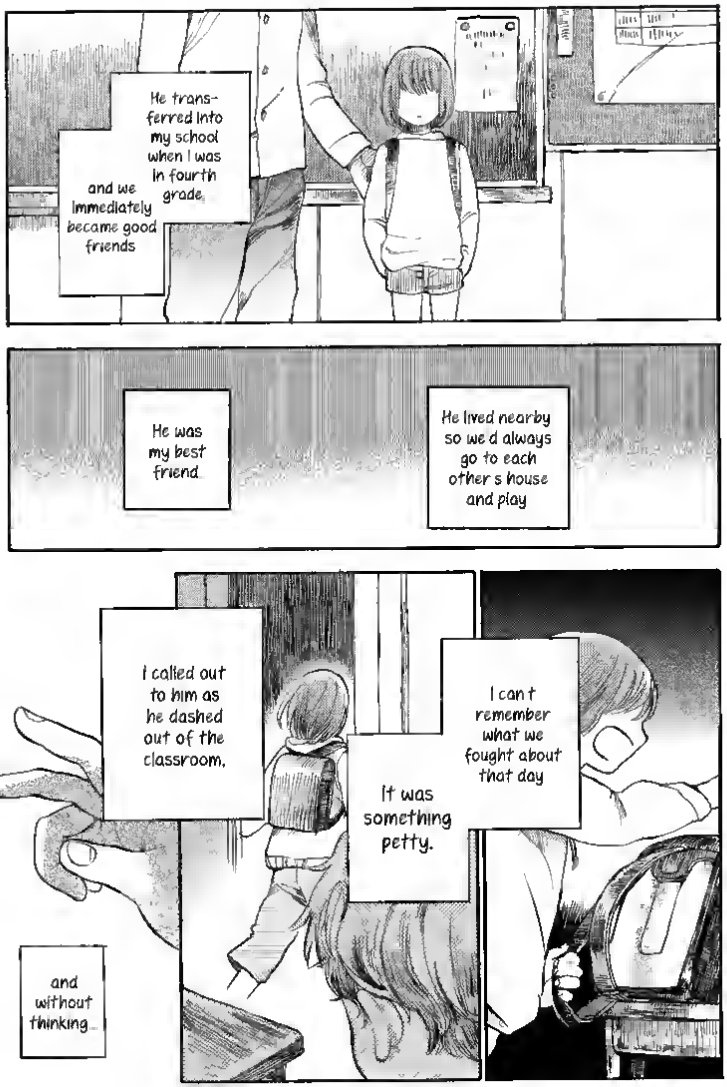
since I always take the train to school
I transferred out of the school in my town
because there was someone I wanted to avoid.


He transferred into my school when I was in fourth grade.
and we immediately became good friends
He was my best friend.
He lived nearby so we'd always go to each other's house and play
I called out to him as he dashed out of the classroom.
and without thinking...
It was something petty.
I can't remember what we fought about that day

bustle
.....
Uh... Ugh...
He broke his left arm badly
Are you alright?

AH...
I KNOW
YOU WERE THE ONE WHO GRABBED MY HAIR.
chatter
chatter
...YOU'RE CREEPY!
STAY AWAY FROM ME!
IT WAS SO HORRIFYING I COULDN'T SAY ANY-THING

It was the first time I thought of my powers as a curse.
I ran away from all of that. Studied hard, took my entrance exams.
Up until now
And that was that.
HELLO THERE, KOUTA-KUN!

HI... DIDN'T THINK I'D BUMP INTO YOU HERE...
H-
twitch
I WASN'T SURE IF IT WAS YOU!
YEP, I JUST GOT OFF WORK!
UM... I'LL CARRY YOUR BAGS...
Seems like he wants to walk with me!
REALLY? THANKS!
smile smile smile
.....
THIS IS A NICE PLACE
I'VE BEEN TO A LOT OF PLACES,
BUT OUT OF ALL OF THEM, THIS ONE FEELS THE MOST LIKE HOME
...IS IT?
YEP.

SO YOU AREN'T FROM HERE
CORRECT! YOU FIGURED IT OUT!
I'VE ONLY BEEN HERE FOR TWO MONTHS, ACTUALLY.
TWO MONTHS
SO WHY WOULD MY MOM
ASK YOU TO DO THIS?
You're a complete stranger
THERE'S A GOOD REASON.
WHEN I FIRST CAME TO THIS TOWN,

I lost my wallet with all the money I had.
LOST

SHE WAS LIKE A GOD
YURIKO-SAN APPEARED AND OFFERED ME HER TAKOYAKI
WHEN I FAINTED FROM HUNGER AFTER FRANTICALLY LOOKING FOR IT,
!
Suddenly changed
Shiver

HEY, DON'T SAY IT LIKE THAT
THIS IS YOU REPAYING HER FOR THE FOOD?
SO,
THAT TAKOYAKI WAS SO GOOD...!

BUT, WELL.
HUFF
How about this one?
Part time jobs now hiring!
I TOLD HER I WAS LOOKING FOR A JOB,
AND SHE DIRECTED ME TO ONE
Yep, somewhere around here.
SO SHE COMPLETELY BAILED YOU OUT
SHE'S MY SAVIOR
AT FIRST I REALLY DID JUST WANT TO REPAY HER,
BUT NOW THINGS HAVE CHANGED
?
THINKING ABOUT YOU SINCE YESTERDAY
I'VE BEEN
Kshhh

HUH...
KOUTA-KUN, ARE YOU COMING DOWN WITH A FEVER? Your face is all red
AH!
IT-
turn
WHAT THE HELL IS UP WITH HER?!
IT, IT, IT, IT'S NOTHING! I'M FINE...
AH

bdmp
HM? IS THAT A FRIEND OF YOURS?
...?
THAT'S...
clink
bdmp
"STAY AWAY FROM ME!"
"YOU'RE CREEPY!"
BDMP
BDMP
UH...
BDMP

DASH
"STAY AWAY FROM ME!"
!!!
KOUTA-KUN?!
People are scary My powers are horrible
I don't ever want to be near anyone again if I only end up hurting them
KSHHHHH
plop
plop

kshhhhh
THERE YOU ARE.
IT STARTED RAINING SUDDENLY, SO I BROUGHT YOU AN UMBRELLA.
shake shake
DO YOU WANNA HEAD BACK WITH ME?
...YOU SHOULDN'T COME NEAR ME.

BUT IF YOU DON'T TRY, I'LL NEVER UNDERSTAND
SWIP
RIGHT?
FWIP
YOU WOULDN'T UNDERSTAND EVEN IF I TOLD YOU...
WHY...?
.....
I CAN MOVE OBJECTS WITHOUT TOUCHING THEM, AND I CAN MAKE MY TOYS COME ALIVE...
!
SUPERNATURAL POWERS... MAGIC... I DON'T KNOW WHAT TO CALL IT
SINCE I WAS A KID, I'VE HAD THESE STRANGE POWERS
FLOAT
BEFORE I STARTED ELEMENTARY SCHOOL, I THOUGHT IT WAS NOTHING OUT OF THE ORDINARY
FWIP
THUMP

I FELT ISOLATED... SO SINCE THEN I DECIDED NOT TO USE MY POWERS.
NO ONE ELSE HAD THESE STRANGE POWERS.
BUT I WAS WRONG. I WAS THE ONLY ONE WHO COULD DO IT.
THAT MY POWERS CAME OUT AND HORRIBLY INJURED A FRIEND.
BUT ONE DAY, I GOT SO WORKED UP.
TRUTH IS, I'VE ALWAYS AVOIDED PASSING THAT STREET ON MY WAY HOME...
BUT TODAY I GOT CARELESS.
IS THAT FRIEND THE GUY WE SAW JUST NOW?

IT'S A SIGN
IF IT WERE TO HAPPEN AGAIN... WELL, IT'S BEST IF NO ONE COMES NEAR ME ANYMORE
SO PLEASE, JUST GO HOME I CAN TAKE CARE OF MYSELF
MY MOM SHOULD BE COMING BACK ANY TIME NOW...
Slide
NO.
...NO...?
I ALWAYS KEEP MY PROMISES
AND I FINALLY UNDERSTAND WHY YOU'VE BEEN ON MY MIND

KOUTA-KUN, WHAT YOU HAVE IS MAGIC.
YOU'RE A WIZARD.
HUH...?
D—DON'T BE SILLY!
THIS ISN'T A FAIRY TALE!
THERE'S NO WAY I HAVE THAT KIND OF POWER
YOU DO.

BECAUSE I HAVE IT TOO.
DON'T LET THEM SCARE YOU.
KOUTA-KUN. IF YOU REALLY THINK YOU'VE HARMED HIM,
THEN YOU SHOULD DO MORE TO LEARN ABOUT YOUR POWERS, RIGHT?

IT'S GETTING DARK
SSS...
IT LOOKS LIKE THE RAIN STOPPED
HEY, KOUTA-KUN,
I CAN WISH FOR THE STONES AND THE GRAINS OF SAND IN THIS PARK
TO TWINKLE LIKE THE STARS IN THE NIGHT SKY
IF MY FEELINGS ARE STRONG ENOUGH, I CAN COMMU-NICATE WITH ANYTHING
HOW...

puff
kuff
WATCH.
Ah...

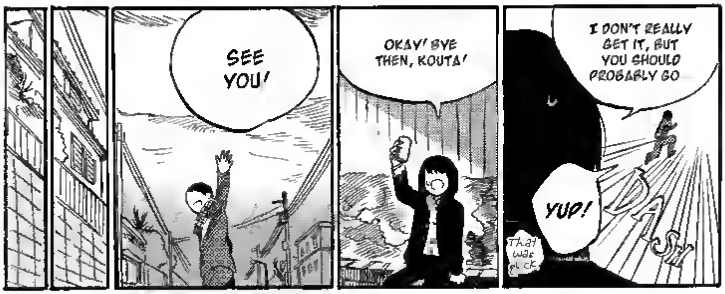
That's from my childhood...
...THIS IS ALSO MAGIC?
YEAH
BUT I JUST SOWED THE SEEDS...
I SEE...
Was this how it was...?

SORRY!

...FOR WHAT?
I NEVER THOUGHT I'D APOLOGIZE TO YOU AFTER ALL THIS TIME,
BUT I JUST WANT TO SAY THAT I WAS THE ONE WHO HURT YOU BACK THEN
Tremble
Tremble
...I KNOW
I'M SORRY THE TRUTH IS, BACK THEN...
WHY ARE WE STILL TALKING ABOUT THIS AFTER ALL THIS TIME?
I'M NOT MAD.
HUH?
WHAT I'M STILL ANGRY ABOUT IS HOW YOU'VE BEEN BEHAVING!!
POINT
Grrr
Grrr
IT WAS THE SAME YESTERDAY! YOU'D JUST HIDE AND SHAKE EVERY TIME I SAW YOU.
THANKS TO YOU I GOT STUCK WITH THE HABIT OF GLARING AT PEOPLE! EVEN NOW THAT I'M IN MIDDLE SCHOOL!
What'd you say?
I DIDN'T DO ANYTHING, SO STOP TREATING ME LIKE I'M TROUBLE!

he he
he he
SORRY...
I WAS JUST THINKING THAT YOU'RE THE SAME AS EVER.
YEAH?! YOU WANNA PICK A FIGHT?!
PFFT
DON'T WORRY, YOU'VE HAD THAT GLARING PROBLEM SINCE FOR-EVER AGO
Hrrrrph.!
UH
NOT IN A BAD WAY... HEHE!
I'M SORRY
PFFT
Heh.
YOU TALK TOO MUCH, YOU NERD.
SH, SH, SHE'S NOT! SHE'S...
Oof! That! Woke you up!
WHAT..?
Bfff
SO KOUTA,
YOU HAVE A SISTER?
The girl you were with yesterday
CAW
CAW

THAT'S RIGHT MOM SAID SHE WAS COMING HOME TODAY
YEP YEP
YOUR FATHER'S GOTTEN BETTER, SO I'M HEADING HOME TODAY. BYE.


SEE YOU!
OKAY! BYE THEN, KOUTA!
I DON'T REALLY GET IT, BUT YOU SHOULD PROBABLY GO
YUP!
DASH
THAT WAS CLOSE

Huff Huff
WHAT'S WRONG? YOU'RE ALL WORKED UP
THANK GOODNESS YOU'RE STILL HERE
JUN-SAN!
TAP TAP TAP
TAP

.....
haa
kuff
haa kuff
GRATITUDE?
I...
HAVEN'T EXPRESSED MY GRATITUDE YET...
What's this? I'm out of breath.
TH... THANK YOU!
A LOT'S HAPPENED THESE PAST THREE DAYS, BUT I HAD FUN THROUGH IT ALL
THANK YOU FOR EVERYTHING YOU'VE DONE FOR ME...!
glub

THANK YOU, KOUTA-KUN
SAME FOR ME
Squeeze
I ALSO HAD FUN.
HERE'S HOPING WE KEEP GETTING ALONG WHILE I PLAY THE FREELOADER!
YEAH!
...Huh? ...What? Eh...
Freeze
F, free-loader...?
twip

WEEEEELL, JUN-CHAN COOKS SO WELL IT'S LIKE MAGIC!
WHAT THE HELL IS THIS, MOM?!
AND SHE LIVES ALONE, SO I WANTED TO INVITE HER TO STAY. I JUST ASKED AND SHE SAID YES.
I can't hear you!
Waah, waah!
DO YOU THINK YOU CAN DO ANYTHING BECAUSE DAD ISN'T HOME?!
WHAT THE HELL'RE YOU COMPLAINING ABOUT?! YOU SEEMED FINE WITH HER JUST NOW!
THAT HAS NOTHING TO DO WITH IT!!
I MISSED LIVING IN A ROWDY HOUSE LIKE THIS
HEHE!
Rahh
Rahh
END